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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

ZUKER

Application No.: 09/492,028

Filed: January 26, 2000

For: ASSAYS FOR SENSORY  
MODULATORS USING A SENSORY  
CELL SPECIFIC G-PROTEIN ALPHA  
SUBUNIT

Examiner: B. O'Laughlin

Art Unit: 1647

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 7, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the remarks AND amendments set forth herein. A petition to extend the time for response for three months, from May 7, 2001 to August 7, 2001, is submitted herewith..

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 20, line 10 to page 21, lines 4, as follows by deleting the material at page 20, line 17 as indicated in the "Specification: Version with Markings to Show Changes Made" (Appendix A). A clean version of the full paragraph is provided below.

A preferred example of algorithm that is suitable for determining percent sequence identity and sequence similarity are the BLAST and BLAST 2.0 algorithms, which

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